

But With God All Things Are Possible (Matthew 19:26)

God Interrupts our impossibilities.

Proposition: Every one of us can leave here today in confidence knowing that there is nothing that is impossible to our God by latching on to four facts from God's Word.

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Jimmy Smith developed an interest in foreign missions while attending Houston Baptist University. After learning of his interest, two missionaries invited him to visit their work in Guatemala. Money was very tight so he and his wife knew the trip would be impossible unless God intervened. Several weeks later Smith went fishing with a Deacon in his church named Gene Alexander. They talked about an upcoming fishing Tournament offering a \$20,000 prize for catching a particular fish. Gene knew of Smith's desire to visit Guatemala and promised him \$5000 for the trip if he caught the fish...

I. God Overrules Our Physical Impossibilities

The most feared word for anyone to hear at the Dr. Office is Terminal. Nothing more can be done. ^{God} Nelson/

A. In the Start of Life - God can do the impossible at the dawn of Life itself: Conception. Abraham & Sarah well past child bearing years. But the promise of God was given and within the year 80 year old Sarah was expecting.

Hannah was barren God gave her son. Manoah's wife barren (Judges 13) God gave. Most Miraculously Mary the

B. In the Sickness of Life - 2 K: 5:1

We find a great warrior & general Naaman who was a leper who later was cleansed of this deadly

disease by dipping in Jordan / mts. In Isa 38
Hegeliah was sick but turned to God and God healed
Time and time again in the life of the Lord Jesus
The extremity of human illness ^{the ability of God} was overcome by

C. In the Ceasing of Life - There is no more
extreme condition of the body than death.

But God makes it perfectly clear in his word that
not even death is beyond the reach of God's power.

1 Ki 17; 2 Ki 4, both Elijah & Elisha both witness
God's resurrection power. In Luke 7 & 8 Jesus raises
the widow of Nain son and daughter of Jairus from the

II. God Oversteps Our Natural Impossibilities

There is nothing in the natural world that
lies beyond the capability of God.

A. In the Trials of Life - The Children
of Israel had watched as God had dismantled
their oppressor Pharaoh by plague. They were
now released only to face in their infancy a
staggering trial a test. The Red sea stood
between them and freedom and in Exodus 14

They passed over on dry land. No matter how ^{if looks} impossible

B. In the Testing of Life - In Daniel
Ch 3 three exiled young men's faith was
tested to the extreme. They would not bow
to the idolatrous image of Nebuchadnezzar. The
anger of the King was only exceeded by the heat
of the furnace. In vs 17 we hear them say "Our God
is able" In the end God oversteps the fire's natural

C. In the Tempests of Life - Unknowing

1) Upon learning of the prize fish, Mrs. Smith logged it in her prayer journal and began talking to God. Then on the day of the tournament, Gene reeled in the \$20,000 fish as his first catch of the day. Officials speculated the odds of landing that fish as his first catch were 1 in 6.8 billion. Jimmy Smith and his wife made the trip and God confirmed his call on their lives. They later returned to Guatemala and served as foreign missionaries. Our God is a God that can do the impossible! This truth is woven all through the fabric of scripture! Genesis 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD?... Job 42:2 I know that thou canst do every thing... Jeremiah 32:27 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? There is nothing that lies outside the ability of God. Every one of can leave here today in confidence knowing that there is nothing that is impossible to our God by latching on to four facts from God's Word.

2) Mary the mother of Jesus. She was a virgin, had never known a man. Upon hearing the promise of such a miraculous birth, Mary even said in Luke 1:34 How can this be? But in verse 37 we have our very text repeated: "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

3) ...from the dead. In Acts 9 the dead are brought back to life at the hands of the Apostles.

4) ...fires natural ability to burn and consume, and we find the boys exit the furnace without so much as the smell of smoke! No matter the flames of testing that come in your life, there is a God who will stroll through the flames with you!

1) ...suspending the laws of the natural world, doing the impossible, walking on the water! Has the present raging storm surpassed your navigational ability? Our God can do the impossible!!

2) ...but when it comes the the needs and necessities of the children of God, He has a way of overcoming material needs.

3) ...and clothes and shoes refused to wear from the rugged environment of their journey. Didn't the Lord Jesus say in **Matthew 6:31-33** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

4) ...yield the material so that the labor can continue. What do you need to serve God? What are you lacking to throw your self head long into the work of God? **Matthew 7:7** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: **Philippians 4:19** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

the tempest that lie before them and yielded to the constraint of the Lord Jesus, the disciples launched out into the waters of Galilean Sea. Quickly the storm developed to such a degree that they exhausted nautical skills. Who dare for attending their cry of Help. Jesus suspending the laws of

III God Overcomes Our Material Impossibilities

In the world of Supply and demand $2 + 2 = 4$ and (unlike the movies) gum balls don't fall from the sky. A. In the Essentials of Life - When millions of Jews picked up what they could carry to leave the land of their bondage in Egypt, they did not possess the necessities for surviving the hundreds of miles to the promised land. What did God do? Bread appeared on ground as frost every morning, water flowed out of rock and clothes didn't

B. In the Efforts of Life - The sons of the Prophets in 2 Kings 6:5 had a mind to do something for God! They were hard at the task and labor of erecting a new larger殿. While working feverishly the axe head came off and was lost in the water. But God through the prophet suspended the natural to yield the materials

C. In the Emptiness of Life - 1 Ki 17 The widow woman of Zarephath was preparing for a final meal. Not enough in the cupboard, pantry. But yet she put God first with what little she had and from there on out, God time and time again God overcame that material need with

Just enough. 2 Ki 4 Pot of Oil in vessels! Our material

IV. God Overrules Our Eternal Impossibilities

This statement (Vs 26) is so broad that we must exclaim he "all" but this last point takes us back to

A. In the Ego of Our Lives - In vs 18-20

Christ begins to take him down the moral law. What is his reply? "All" Ps 58:3

This man's ego, his pride has blinded him to his sin. This is why it is hard for the rich to be saved. Pride! Yet the convicting power of the Holy Spirit can break a man's pride and give him repentance.

B. In the Iniquity of Our Lives - In the

end Jesus smashes this self-righteous pride by revealing the truly sinful heart of this young ruler. Conscience.

Sin always separates us. Iniquity must incur the Judgment of God. But by the merciful life of Jesus, his sacrificial death ⁽⁴⁾ on the cross

C. In the Enemy of Our Lives - This man

walked away from eternal life because he could not let go temporal life. Jesus

⁽⁵⁾ said in MK 8:35-36. It may seem as though a rich man can never let go of his possession. Yet w/ God all things are possible. God can overrule our Enemy and bring us into Sa^lva^tion.

V. Closing - Dr Harsh

- 1) Our material possessions are not out of bounds for a God that can do the impossible!
- 2) ...back to the context. READ Vs. 16-26. This is the most important point of all. Although God has the power to do the impossible, He is not obligated to do so. God may never heal your physical body, God may never turn the tide of nature for your sake, God may never see fit to miraculously meet some material need in your life. But there is no doubt that He can overrule your eternal impossibility!
- 3) Psalms 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.
- 4) ...supernatural resurrection from the grave. The sins that condemned us to eternal torment can be forgiven.
- 5) Mark 8:35-36 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?